Appendix D Illinois Coastal Management Issue Papers

Through responses we received from the original outreach questionnaire and other outreach measures, a listing of specific resource areas and geographic areas were recommended as meriting special attention in developing the ICMP. The IDNR recommended the formation of Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) to seek public input by preparing issue papers with respect to each area identified. Over 100 individuals volunteered to serve on these TAGs providing a broad spectrum of representatives from city/county/and state governments, special interest groups, universities, property owners and interested citizens.

What purpose will the Issue Papers serve in the ICMP?

A major goal of the issue papers was to identify specific issues, details, and considerations regarding a particular issue or area.

Subpart C - "Special Management Areas" of CFR Part 923 "Coastal Zone Management Program Regulations" outlines specific requirements for management program approvability, including the ability for increased governmental coordination, technical assistance, enhanced public expenditures, or additional public services and maintenance, on these special management areas. This Subpart also defines and provides varying guidelines on "Areas of Particular Concern (APC)", "Areas for Preservation or Restoration (APR)", and "Other areas of particular concern." Thus, the issue papers helped develop the areas or categories for designation in the program document defined in Chapter 6.

GENERAL ISSUE PAPERS OUTLINE*: (The ISSUE PAPERS are only advisory and contain opinions which may or may not be IDNR policy)

- General Description
- Issues of Concern
- Management Considerations
- ICMP Opportunities
- Existing Authorities
- Existing Committees
- References

The issue papers can be viewed by specific resource or geographic area shown below:

Specific Resource Areas meriting attention:

- Shoreline Erosion
- Habitat, Ecosystem, and Natural Area Restoration
- Ravine Systems
- Public Access and Recreational Resources
- Historic and Cultural Feature Preservation
- Education and Public Awareness

Specific Geographic Areas meriting special attention:

- Illinois Beach State Park and North Point Marina including the Dead River and Kellogg Creek Watersheds
- Waukegan Harbor, Waukegan Lakefront, and Waukegan River Watershed
- Chicago River and North Shore Channel River Corridors and Wilmette Harbor
- Lake Calumet and Calumet River Area
- Little Calumet and Grand Calumet River Corridors